

STATE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

As you know, since almost the beginning of the year, your State Board has been involved in the search for a new State Minister. Thank you so very much for all your prayer support throughout this activity. State Board and the Search Panel have been very aware of your prayers and have seen God's leading through the process. We give you our sincere thanks for your involvement in this important component of our church life.



The search process is now complete and State Board now recommends to you **Peter Barney** as the person to take up the role of State Minister CoCSANT, and lead our movement through a time of restoration and renewal.

Peter is an ordained Churches of Christ Minister with over 25 years' experience in Christian ministry and leadership. He has demonstrated a passion, gifting and commitment to Christian leadership across a diverse range of settings and contexts and is currently part of the senior leadership team at Churches of Christ in WA (CoCWA).

Peter is married to Sharon and they are the parents of three children, a son 18, and two daughters, 14 and 10. An interstate move represents a significant step of faith for the Barney family, however, Peter has expressed a sense of 'Call' in agreeing to have his name put forward to our Conference. Very early in the process, Peter advised the panel that in discussing the idea of taking up the role, they were, as a family, discerning whether they were called to

such a big move as part of their family practicing faith and trust in God. We were pleased that the answer was Yes!

Peter's proven leadership experience includes 11 years as a CEO of Scripture Union in WA. In this role, he oversaw organisational growth such that the staff grew from 11 to 34, with 750 volunteers annually engaged with 17,000 youth and children in outreach Christian ministry. Along with a set of valuable personal qualities, including high emotional intelligence, Peter brings to the role skills and knowledge gained across a broad background experience - including several years as a physiotherapist!

While he brings a set of work and life experiences that have been developed across the Christian community, Peter's core alignment has remained as an ordained Minister of Churches of Christ. He has held a number of church ministries, including in a very large church context, with over 3000 people attending the church weekly (Riverview Church), has worked as Youth Pastor, and as High School Chaplain.

For a number of years Peter has been a Formation Director for Australian College of Ministries and more recently has completed post graduate studies in theology and mission.

Peter also expresses a heart for social justice and actively supports the movement 'Love Makes a Way' – a group of Christians seeking compassion for people seeking asylum.

Of significant impact to the Search Panel, is Peter's approach to leadership which is, he describes, as

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something the New Testament church championed. Firstly, humility as enacted through the New Testament church – where Christians identified themselves as servants in the way that Christ had come to love and serve his creation. The other being an understanding of perseverance under suffering. Peter expresses a belief that, for Christians, one of the identifying traits is perseverance that comes from understanding the grace received from following Jesus and the love they have received that drives away fear.

State Board and the panel sense an excitement in recommending Peter Barney to our Conference.

At the same time as this information is being distributed through the Need2Know, additional, process heavy, information is being provided to Convention delegates. Convention will provide an opportunity for the sharing of more information about Peter and his nomination, and delegates will have until Monday 25th November, a week after Convention, to cast their vote to decide this appointment.

Please remain in prayer for this recommendation, for Peter, Sharon and family, and the voting process.

Forward In Faith

My warmest greetings to each person reading this brief thought because you are someone who attends a Churches of Christ faith community somewhere in our state.

State Convention is not very far away (13-16 November) and another exciting program has been prepared featuring something of the moving of God in our churches and in Life Care and CareWorks. Anyone who is interested in what is happening is most welcome to attend the planned gatherings. (Please take note of what you are to do if notification has to be given for catering.)

The theme for this year is ***“Forward In Faith – through Serving, Learning Discipling.”*** In thinking about moving forward I’m mindful of Scott Combridge’s observations in the October *Need2Know* about the cycle of Reviews which have happened in the past. It is pleasing to note that after the positive nature of last year’s Convention a number of suggestions from our last Review have been implemented. It is fitting that we acknowledge the effort that Scott has put into his position as our interim Executive Officer.

In thinking about ‘moving forward’ and the future God has in store for us in Churches of Christ I thought of the Australian coat-of-arms. As we would be aware, the kangaroo and emu were chosen to symbolize a nation that is about moving forward, about progression. Such a thought is enhanced by the awareness that neither creature can move backwards easily. Recently, State Board

has approved a new governance structure to assist our hard-working State Office staff in all that they are called to do on our behalf. We certainly owe Lyndall, Mathew, Gillian, Mark, Jennie, Adrian and Carl a heartfelt “thank you”.

The other big piece of news which is being announced in this mail out is the name being presented by State Board to our churches for their approval for the State Minister’s position. As a Board we feel most confident that the suggested person will be an excellent leader as we ‘move forward’ in faith.

A further step in our ‘moving forward’ in faith is the appointment of Phil McCredden from Adapte Leadership to assist us in the implementing of the next stage of development so far as each church’s involvement in mission and ministry in its particular context is concerned. As a Movement we do have a heritage of making a difference. Given the times in which we are living this is the challenge before us.

Forward In Faith – As we seek to do this enjoy the adventure, trusting in the Lord with all our heart, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, to the honour, praise and glory of our great God.

Grant Spangenberg, President.



Program for Convention 2019

Wednesday 13 November

GR Stirling Lecture

7pm—refreshments

7.30pm—Lecture commences

Tabor

181 Goodwood Road Millswood

Speaker: Bruce Hulme & students from
Tabor Adelaide

Thursday 14 November

CareWorks' Celebration and AGM

6.45 pm

Western Communities Mile End Church

Danby Street, Mile End

Friday 15 November

Ministers' Development Day

1.30pm

Noarlunga Church

Leader: Mark Riessen

Speaker: Matt Bird

Ministers' Meal Together

5.30pm

Noarlunga Church

Worshipping & Celebrating Together

7.30 pm

Noarlunga Church

165 Beach Road Christies Beach

Leader: Jèan Smith

Musicians: SouthPoint

Guest Speaker: Matt Bird, Cinnamon Network

Presentations: Balaklava & Aldgate

Saturday 16 November

Aldgate Church of Christ

54 Strathalbyn Road, Aldgate

Delegate Registration opens at 9.00am

Session 1: *Forward in Faith*

Where We're At and Moving On with the
Conference Review

Open floor discussion on where things are at,
what has been happening in your church/area,
suggestions, etc.

Morning Tea

Session 2: *Forward in Faith through Serving, Discipling & Learning*

Moving forward in Faith through Serving

(Colin Heslop)

Group prayer

Moving forward in Faith through Discipling

(Sonny Pillay)

Group prayer

Moving Forward in Faith through Learning

(Heather Restall)

Group prayer

Group conversation – what did you get from
these 3 input sessions & what was meaningful?

Lunch

Session 3: *AGM & Communion*

Acknowledgements and thanks to Scott
Cambridge, retiring State Board Members
and Ministers.

Business

Communion—*Forward in Faith*

**Please note that the Saturday agenda is subject to
change as required.**

Safe Water September Thank You!

Together we've raised \$160,239 to change lives. What an amazing total! Thank you to everyone who took the Safe Water September Challenge or supported the Safe Water September Challenge. This year, for the first time ever, we reached and then exceeded our target of \$150,000 for sinking clean water wells in Zimbabwe and providing pipelines and water tanks in Vanuatu. And donations are still coming in! What a wonderful blessing this is for transformation of whole communities in these nations. This will have real impact for over 8,000 people improving health, safety and livelihoods. Well done everyone! We are so proud of your efforts and grateful for your partnership in bringing practical transformation for our partners overseas.

We are **VERY HAPPY** and **THANKFUL** that we have **CLEAN** drinking **WATER** which will also be enjoyed by our **GRANDCHILDREN**

- Marisa



GMP Annual Report 2018-19

The 2018-19 GMP Annual Report is now available online. Check out www.gmp.org.au/getmedia/835ee7be-2d28-42fe-b3b8-02399a3f3740/GMP-Annual-Report-2018-19-ImpactReportweb.pdf

If you would like a hard copy of the annual report contact Val Zerna – val@gmp.org.au or 8352 3466.

Looking Forward to Christmas?

I was asked that question just the other day and I thought "Of course I am looking forward Christmas!"

But there are many who do not look forward to Christmas at all. For some it is a reminder of sadness and loss, for some it will be desperately lonely, and for some the expectations and financial burdens are impossible to face.

Each year, with the help of supporters like you, CareWorks offers hope and practical kindness to people for whom Christmas looms like a dark cloud.

Once again, CareWorks aims to provide some 300 food and toy hampers to Domestic Violence shelters where abused and broken families find refuge.

In this way, we will support hundreds of women and children in desperate situations. We will also run the Emergency Relief programs right up to Christmas and assist many more struggling families to make ends meet.

We need your help to continue this hands-on compassion.

Cash donations enable us to purchase prepacked hampers from Foodbank and, of course, gifts of toys are essential to the success of this program.

Donations of toys must be received by Friday December 6th, in time to sort and deliver them to the Domestic Violence shelters in plenty of time for Christmas.

To give on line go to www.givenow.com.au/careworkssa.

Thank you so much for your generous support.



The **CareWorks Celebration and AGM**, that it will be experienced by all as a time of inspiration and positive stories of hope and new life.

The **Christmas Appeal** - that the recipients of the generosity of the gifts and hampers will catch a glimpse of God's unconditional love through the gifts and the givers.

All **volunteers** as they start to wind up for the end of year break.

The four **shop managers** (Lily, Ang, Leanne and Roy) as they serve their communities, by supplying affordable goods and make opportunities for social connections.

Pam, the new volunteer co-ordinator who will be overseeing all the administrative and pastoral matters pertaining to the volunteers.

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